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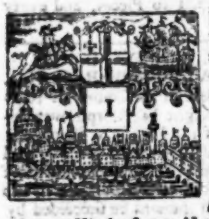
From my own APARTMENT.

Without this just Gradation could there be
Subjected these to those, or all to thee?
ESSAY on MAN.



Have not been for a great while more pleased with any Reading, than with that of a Treatise of the curious and ingenious Mr. *Baker*, call'd *The Microscope made easy*. Those who look into that Piece will soon find, that the Use of this Instrument is not merely a *barren Amusement*: It displays a Kind of *new Nature*, which never appear'd, so much as to the *Imagination*, before the Beginning of the last Century.

Who could have thought, before this Discovery of the Use of *Glasses*, that there existed Animals, perfect in all their Parts, of which one *Million* did not equal in Magnitude a *Grain of Sand*? That the *Scum* on Water was only a World of *Insects*? That the *green Mould* on decaying Fruits, which, to the naked Eye, presents no regular Figure, was in reality a *Forest*, a Miniature Vegetation, where not only an infinite Variety of *Trees*, but their *Blossoms* and ripe *Productions*, are seen to take Place successively as in *Larger*, but with a *Duration* proportion'd to their *Size*? And yet these *Wonders*, with an infinite Number more, are now as *certain Truths* as that there is any such Thing as *Animal* or *Vegetable* Life discernable by the *naked Eye*. They are as much the Objects of *Sense* as larger Existences, and appear *uniform* and *invariable* to different Observers.

That a *minute Body*, by the Help only of a small Bit of *Glass*, of an spherical Figure, should be magnified in *Diameter* four hundred Times, in *Superficies* one hundred and sixty thousand Times, and in the *Cube* sixty-four Millions of Times, is most amazing; and yet we have Tables calculated of Objects magnified to twice this *Diameter*, which makes the *cubical Contents* eight Times more, or no less than five hundred and twelve Millions of Times greater than the Reality. Nay, and we know too by what Laws all this is effected, and by the *Focus* of the Glass can calculate its *magnifying Power*.

But what more than any Thing else, I think, deserves our Attention, among the Discoveries of the *Microscope*, is the Knowledge of our own *Frames*, and the State of our *Blood*. The very *Globules* that com-

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[illegible] Baker, one of the Fellows of King's College [illegible]
Cambridge, is appointed Register there, in the [illegible]
[illegible]n of —— Kendal, Esq; deceas'd; a Place of [illegible]
[illegible]t Annum, in the Gift of the Archdeacon.
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[illegible]tude of a Grain of Sand, we distinguish *thirty-six* Particles, and have no Reason to think but that these are still farther *distinct*, perhaps more Degrees *beyond*, than *within* the Reach of the very *best Microscopes*.

The great *Boerhaave* says, that Health consists in [illegible]
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On Monday last the Rev. Mr. Panton, and the Rev. Mr. Brian, were chosen Morning Lecturers of St. [illegible]tholin's in Watling-Street, in the room of the [illegible] Berriman, and the Rev. Mr. Duberdieu, [illegible]

Sense of *Pain* arises. —— If the Degrees of this Motion and Resistance can therefore be perceiv'd, what Improvements may we not expect from it in the Art of Medicine.

'I believe it will be allow'd, says Mr. *Baker*, that 'where one Person dies from a Disorder in the *containing Vessels*, twenty miscarry by some unnatural 'Alteration in the *Fluids* that pass thro' them; and 'therefore if we can find what their *natural State* is, 'the Means whereby it may be preserv'd in such a 'State, by what Accidents it may be prejudiced, and 'how it may be restor'd, our Pains will be well employ'd.

'In order to obtain this useful Knowledge, it will 'be necessary to examine the human *Blood* and other '*Juices* frequently, with the Microscope, in every '*Condition*, and under every *Distemper*, as well as in a 'State of *Health*; by which we shall have ocular 'Demonstration of its *different Appearances* in each 'State, and the *Changes* it undergoes; and by Experiments of various *Mixtures* with it, may possibly 'discover by what Means it can be *alter'd* from one 'Condition to another; as from a *thin* and *broken* to a more *firm* and *consistent* State; and so on the contrary.

'Would our learned *Physicians*, who are best able 'to judge of such Matters, be induced to take this 'Method into their *Practice*, it is reasonable to believe, that in a few Years the *Causes* of Diseases 'would be better known, and the Art of *Healing* brought to a much greater Certainty than it is at 'present. Mr. *Leuwenhoek* took Notice, that when 'he was greatly disorder'd, the Globules of his Blood 'appear'd *hard* and *rigid*, but grew *softer* and more 'pliable as his Health return'd; whence he infers, 'that in a *healthy* Body it is requisite they should be 'soft and *flexible*, that they may be capable of passing 'through the *capillary Veins* and *Arteries*, by easily 'changing their *round* Figures into *Ovals*, and also of 'resuming their former *Roundness* when they come 'into Vessels where they find larger Room.' —— Mr. *Baker* then gives Instances of several *Cures*, suddenly and surprisingly wrought, by only *injecting* a very small Quantity of a proper *Medicine* into the *Veins*. But I am afraid this close Study of Nature will be too *laborious* for most of our Gentlemen who loll in *Chariots*, and that we must expect the full Improvement of it only from some such Phœnix as an *Hippocrates*, a *Sydenham*, or a *Boerhaave*.

Leaving this most *noble Work* of the *Microscope* therefore to future Experience, I shall only here observe, that such are the Discoveries already made by it in *Animate Life*, as to make it probable, that the *smallest Insect* perceptible to the naked Eye is but a Kind of *Medium* in Nature, and that there are *perfect Animals* as many Degrees less than a *Mite*, as a *Mite* is less than an *Elephant*. How wonderful the Thought! how worthy the Pursuit of it of all our *Curiosity* and *Industry*!

Religion herself will find one of her greatest Supports, in thus contemplating the Works of the *Almighty*. Our Author, in this View, spends a Chapter to examine some of the finest and most exquisite Performance of *Human Art*, and compare them with the Productions of *Nature*. Such a Comparison, he justly observes, must tend towards *humbling* the Pride and Self-Conceit of *Man*, by giving him a more reasonable and modest Opinion of himself; and at the same Time may, in some Degree, conduce towards *improving* his imperfect Conceptions of the *Divine Nature*.

Upon examining the *Edge* of a very keen *Razor* by the *Microscope*, it appear'd as broad as the Back of a pretty *thick Knife*; rough, uneven, full of Notches and Furrows; and so far from any Thing like *Sharpness*, that an Instrument as blunt as this seem'd to be, would not serve even to *cleave Wood*. —— An extraordinary small *Needle* being also examin'd, the *Point* thereof appear'd above a Quarter of an Inch in *Breadth*; not round or flat, but irregular, and unequal; and the *Surface*, tho' extremely smooth and right to the naked Eye, seem'd full of Ruggedness, Holes, and Scratches: In short, it resembled an *Iron Bar* out of a Smith's Forge. —— But the *Sting of a Bee*, view'd thro' the same Instrument, shew'd every where a *Polish* most amazingly beautiful, without the least Flaw, Blemish, or Inequality; and ended in a *Point* too fine to be discern'd: Yet this was only the *Case* or *Sheath* to *Instruments* much more exquisite, contain'd within.

A small Piece of exceeding fine *Lawn* appear'd, from the large Distances and Holes between its Threads, somewhat like a *Hurdle* or *Lattice*, and the Threads themselves seem'd coarser than the *Yarn* wherewith *Ropes* are made for *Anchors*. —— Some *Brussels Lace*, worth Five Pounds a Yard, look'd as if it were made of a rough, uneven *Hair Line*, entwisted, fasten'd, or clotted together, in a very awkard and unartful Manner: —— But a *Silk Worm's Web*, being examin'd, appear'd perfectly smooth and shining, every where equal, and as much finer than any Thread the best *Spinster* in the World can make, as the smallest *Twine* is finer than the thickest *Cable*. A *Pod* of this Silk, wound off, contain'd nine hundred and thirty Yards; and as the Threads were all along *double*, this made the full Length one thousand eight hundred and sixty Yards: And yet, when weigh'd with the utmost Exactness, the whole was not heavier than two Grains and a half. But even this, when compar'd with the *Web* of a *Spider*, is nothing.

The smallest *Point* we can make with a Pen, appears, when view'd by the *Microscope*, a vast irregular *Spot*, rough, jagged, uneven about the Edge, and far from being round. The finest *Writing* of the most eminent Masters, as the *Lord's Prayer* in the Compass of a *Silver Penny*, seems, when examin'd, as shapeless and barbarous, as if written in *Runic Characters*. But the little *Specks* on the Wings or Bodies of *Moths*, *Beetles* or *Flies*, are found, when magnified, to be most accurately *circular*; and all the *Lines* about them appear regularly and finely drawn, with the utmost Exactness.

Mechanical Works of the greatest Artists; such as a *Chain* of three hundred Links, an Inch only in length, and drawn by a Flea; a *Chaise* with four Wheels, and all the proper *Apparatus*, turning readily with a Man in it, and drawn also by a Flea, the whole weighing but a single Grain; a *Cup* made of a Pepper-Corn, that contained twelve hundred other Cups, all turn'd in Ivory; a *Quadrille Table*, with a Drawer in it, an *Eating Table*, a *Sideboard*, a *Looking Glass*, twelve *Chairs*, two dozen *Plates*, six *Dishes*, a dozen *Knives* and as many *Forks*, twelve *Spoons*, two *Salts*, a *Frame* and *Castors*, together with a *Gentleman*, *Lady*, and *Footman*, all contained in a *Cherry Stone*, and not filling more than *half* of it; tho' these are all most curious and surprising *Works*, let us examine them with a good *Microscope*, and we shall immediately be convinced, that the utmost Power of *Art* is only a Concealment of *Deformity*, an Imposition upon our *Ways of Sight*, and that our Admiration of it arises from our *Ignorance* of what it really is.

This valuable Discoverer of Truth will shew the most boasted *Performances* to be as ill shapen, rugged, and uneven, as if they were hewn with an *Axe*, or struck out with a *Mallet* and *Chissel*. Our finest *miniature Paintings* appear before this Instrument as mere Dawbings, plaistered on with a Trowel, and void of all Beauty. Our most shining *Varnishes*, our smoothest *Polishes*, will be mere roughness, full of Gaps and Flaws. Thus sink the *Works of Art*, when we become enabled to see them as they truly are thro' the *Microscope*.

But, on the contrary, the plainer we distinguish, the more we can discover of the *Works of Nature*, even in the least and meanest of her Productions, the

more ſenſible we muſt be made of the *Wiſdom*, *Power*, and *Greatneſs* of their *Author*. Let us apply the Microſcope where we will, nothing is to be found but *Beauty* and *Perfection*. View we the numberleſs Species of *Inſects* that ſwim, creep, or fly around us, what Proportion, Exactneſs, Uniformity and Symmetry, ſhall we perceive in all their *Organs!* what a Profuſion of *Colouring!* Azure, Green, and Vermillions; Gold, Silver, Pearls, Rubies and Diamonds; Fringe and Embroidery, on their *Bodies*, *Wings*, *Heads*, and every other Part! How rich the *Glow!* how high the *Finiſhing!* how inimitable the *Poliſhing*, we every where behold!

Search we yet further, and examine the *Animalcules*, many of which it would be impoſſible for any human Eye unaſſiſted to diſcern; thoſe *breathing Atoms*, ſo ſmall, they are almoſt all *Workmanſhip*; in them too we ſhall diſcover the ſame Organs of *Body*, Multiplicity of *Parts*, Variety of *Motions*, Diverſity of *Figures*, and particular Ways of *Living* as in the larger Animals. How amazingly curious muſt the *internal Structure* of theſe Creatures be! the *Heart*, the *Stomach*, the *Entrails*, the *Brain!* How minute and fine the *Bones*, *Joints*, *Muſcles*, and *Tendons!* How exquiſitely delicate, beyond all Conception, the *Arteries*, *Veins*, and *Sinews!* What Multitudes of *Veſſels* and *Circulations* muſt be contain'd within this narrow Compaſs! And yet, all have ſufficient *room* to perform their *different Offices*, and neither *impede* nor *interfere* with one another.

The ſame Order, Regularity, and Beauty, will appear likewiſe among *Vegetables*, if brought to Examination: Every *Stalk*, *Bud*, *Flower*, or *Seed*, diſplays a Figure, a Proportion, a Harmony beyond the Reach of Art. There's not a *Weed*, not a *Moſs*, whoſe every Leaf does not ſhew a Multiplicity of *Pores* and *Veſſels*, diſpos'd moſt curiouſly for the Conveyance of *Juices* to ſupport and nouriſh it, and which is not adorn'd with innumerable *Graces* to embelliſh it. In a Word, while the moſt perfect Works of *Art* betray a *Meanneſs*, *Poverty*, or *Inability* in the Workman, the Works of *Nature* are all *finiſh'd* to the higheſt Pitch, and ſhew the abundant *Riches*, *Munificence*, and *Skill* of their Maker.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Turin, Nov. 19. According to the laſt Letters from Nice, Admiral Mathews has charg'd the Commodore of the five Men of War that he has ſent to the Adriatick to obey punctually whatever Orders they may receive from Prince Lobkowitz. A few Days after this Admiral ſet ſail from Nice for Genoa, in order to communicate to that Republick ſome Diſpatches he had receiv'd from London, which are ſaid to be very important.

Pavia, Nov. 20. We have juſt receiv'd Advice that Prince Lobkowitz, who ſeem'd to be preparing to attack the Spaniards, has ſuddenly withdrawn his Troops from Rimini and the Poſts adjacent, as if he deſign'd to put them into Winter Quarters.

Peterſburg, Nov. 19. Baron Mardefeldt, the Pruſſian Miniſter, has of late made ſtrong Inſtances to engage the Empreſs to accede to the Treaty of Breſlau, purſuant to the Hopes given by this Court when the Treaty was ſign'd: Her Imperial Majeſty has at laſt reſolv'd to do it, by the Advice of the Senate, whom ſhe conſulted on this Occaſion. We don't yet know upon what Conditions this has been done; all that we hear is, that the Guaranty of Sileſia is one of the Advantages which the King of Pruſſia gains by it.

Stockholm, Nov. 22. The Marqueſs de la Chetardie embark'd laſt Week for Abo, from whence he will proceed by Land to Peterſbourg. The laſt Advices from Dalecarlia and Scania ſay, that our Troops, which were poſted on the Frontiers of thoſe two Provinces, are gone into Winter Quarters, the Daniſh Troops having done the ſame. However, warlike Preparations are ſtill carry'd on, as if we were at the Eve of commencing Hoſtilities: Vaſt Magazines are erecting in divers Parts, eſpecially in Scania, and Recruits are raiſing with the utmoſt Diligence all over the Kingdom. On the other Hand, the Ruſſian Court has again declar'd that ſhe will aſſiſt Sweden with all her Forces, and in the mean time has offer'd us a freſh Reinforcement of 6000 Men, who are ready at Revel, and only wait for Orders from our Court to embark.

Nevertheleſs it is hoped that the Differences with Denmark will be ſpeedily adjuſted in an amicable Manner by a Match between the Prince Royal and the King of Denmark's only Daughter: It is certain that the Majority in the Senate incline to this Match; the only Queſtion is, whether they will agree to the Prince Royal's renouncing his Rights to the Dutchy of Holſtein, which the Court of Denmark inſiſts upon.

Hamburg, Dec. 3. Some Advices from Berlin poſitively tell us, that a Body of Pruſſian Troops have actually receiv'd Orders to hold themſelves in readineſs to march.

Vienna, Nov. 27. The Queen has conferr'd on Prince Wenceſlaus de Lichtenſtein the Command of the Troops in Bohemia, which are to be encreas'd to 35,000 Men. It is reported that a Camp of 10,000 Men will alſo be form'd on the Frontiers of Sileſia.

Francfort, Dec. 5. Recruiting goes on ſucceſsfully, both here and in the adjacent Countries, for the Emperor's Troops: We are alſo buying up Horſes to remount his Cavalry; and the Imperial Army is to be in readineſs to take the Field before April next. The French Embaſſador has receiv'd ſome Diſpatches with which the Emperor is highly pleas'd: By the ſame Diſpatches we hear that the Count de Montijo, who is now at Verſailles, only waits for the Return of a Courier from Madrid in order to come back hither.

Duſſeldorp, Dec 6. The Hanoverian Troops, who were to have taken up Winter Quarters in the Elector of Cologne's Dominions, have juſt receiv'd Orders to march forthwith into the Auſtrian Netherlands. We hear from the Upper Rhine, that the French go on with their new Works on the other Side of that River, and that the Marqueſs de la Ravoye, who commands there, has taken his Meaſures ſo well, that the Auſtrian Light Troops cannot give them the leaſt Diſturbance.

Bruſſels, Dec. 5. We hear from Oſtend, that four Engliſh Men of War and a bomb Ketch are actually cruizing off Dunkirk.

Hague, Dec. 8. The Deputies of the States General having lately made Repreſentations to Baron Sporcke, the Hanoverian Miniſter here, about two Companies of the Troops of that Electorate having taken up their Winter Quarters in the Country of Montford on the Territories of the Republick, that Miniſter has deliver'd a Memorial to their High Mightineſſes, wherein he aſſures them, 'That this was done purely 'through Inadvertency, and contrary to the Intentions of the King his Maſter; and that theſe two 'Companies have actually evacuated the Country of 'Montford.'——This Piece of News would bear ſome Remarks, but we leave every Reader to his own Speculations.

From the Paris A-la-main, Dec. 11.

The King has iſſu'd an Ordinance for draughting 11,144 Men out of the Militia, in order to recruit the Regiments of French Infantry that ſerv'd in Bavaria, his Majeſty intending that the ſaid Regiments be compleat early in the Spring.

Five Merchantmen, under Convoy of five Men of War, are ſail'd from St. Malo to the Spaniſh Weſt-Indies, purſuant to the late Convention with the Court of Madrid.

Letters from Breſt and Rochefort ſay, that the Men of War equipping in thoſe Ports are to ſet ſail the 25th Inſtant, in order to join the Toulon Squadron.

They write from Hunninguen of the 4th Inſtant, that they have finiſh'd the Redoubts and other Works deſign'd to cover the Head of the Bridge which they have lately built there, and that they have left 1500 Men to defend them.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Dec. 26. On the 13th Inſtant, about Five or Six o'Clock in the Evening, Frances Ingoldſby, of Nan-enan, in the County of Limerick, Spinſter, who is now ſeiſed of a conſiderable Real Eſtate, was forcibly carried out of the Houſe of the Rev. Thomas Royſe, of Nanienan aforeſaid, by Hugh Fitz-John Maſſy, John Boucher, Michael Scanlon the Younger, James Curtane, and Timothy Cromeen, with the Aſſiſtance of ſeveral other Perſons in Arms, whoſe Names are unknown; which Perſons did likewiſe then feloniouſly take out of the ſaid Houſe ſeveral Arms. And the ſaid Maſſy and the reſt of his Confederates having abſconded and conceal'd themſelves ſo as they cannot be taken, the Lord Lieutenant and Council have promis'd a Reward of 200 l. for apprehending either Maſſy or Boucher, and 50 l. for each of the others, in order that they might be brought to Puniſhment. And alſo, that if any of the Perſons guilty of the ſaid Felony, or their Acceſſaries, who are now at large, other than and except the ſaid Hugh Fitz-John Maſſy, and John Boucher, ſhall diſcover his or her Accomplices, ſo as they, or any of them be convicted, ſuch Perſon ſo diſcovering ſhall, over and above the ſaid Reward, receive his Majeſty's moſt gracious and free Pardon for the ſaid Offence.

By the Beſtborough Galley, Capt. Mercer, which arriv'd in this Port on Monday, we learn, that on the Saturday before ſhe was drove on a ſunken Rock off Wexford, and loſt her Faſte Keel; a Veſſel a ſmall Diſtance from her was daſh'd to Pieces, and every Soul periſh'd.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Nov. 28 Laſt Week died the Right Hon. the Lord Blantyre, at his Seat in the County of Renfrew, and laſt Saturday Night his Corpſe was inter'd in the Burial Place of the Family at Blantyre.

On Wedneſday Morning died the Rev. Mr. Michael Potter, Profeſſor of Divinity in the Univerſity of Glaſgow, in the 73d Year of his Age, and 3d of his Profeſſorſhip. 'Tis thought he will be ſucceeded by the Rev. Mr. Craig, one of the Miniſters of the City of Glaſgow.

LONDON.

Monday Sir Charles Hardy, Knt. Rear Admiral of the Blue, kiſs'd his Majeſty's Hand on his being appointed one of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, in the room of Admiral Cavendiſh, deceas'd.

As did John Phillipſon, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners of the Navy, and Member of Parliament for Harwich, on his being likewiſe appointed one of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, in the room of John Morley Trevor, Eſq; deceas'd.

The Lords of the Treaſury have order'd Mr. Goldham, an Inſpector of the Cuſtoms, to act as a Commiſſioner during the Life of Sir John Stanley, who is in a bad State of Health; and Mr. Stone, a Land-Waiter in the Port of London, ſucceeds Mr. Goldham.

Mr. Whitmore ſucceeds Mr. Sherman, deceas'd, as a Chief Clerk in the Annuity-Pell-Office in his Majeſty's Exchequer.

The Lords of the Treaſury have order'd the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe and Cuſtoms to lay before them a true Account of the Duties rais'd on Teas for ſeven Years paſt, in order to lay before the Parliament, that a Bill may be brought in this Seſſion to prevent the enormous Practice of Smuggling, ſo detrimental to the fair Trader.

Within theſe few Days upwards of a hundred Officers are arriv'd from Germany, in order to raiſe Recruits for the Army: A Draught will be made out of the ſeveral Regiments here to make up the Complement of the Britiſh Troops abroad, and thoſe rais'd put in their room.

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By the Author of the NEW ROMAN HISTORY.

This Book contains a very particular and accurate Account of the Monarchy, the State, Government, and Geography of Great-Britain and Ireland; alſo the [illegible] Revolutions that have happen'd in the [illegible] Wars

A few Days ago Mr. Cornwallis, one of the Clerks of the Treaſury, was married at St. George's, Hanover-Square, to Miſs Anne Venner, Daughter of Mr. George Venner, a wealthy Founder in Tyburn Road; a young Lady with a Fortune of 7000 l.

[illegible] and gives an Account of the moſt eminent Men who flouriſh'd in each Reign; by what Means the Kingdom of Ireland came to be depended on the Crown of England; and the Wars that have been in Ireland and Scotland. This little Book [illegible] Place in the beſt Study, yet is ſo eaſy and [illegible]

Thurſday ſe'nnight the Widow Shugborough, of Newington (to whom the 5000 l. Prize, drawn on Saturday ſe'nnight, did ſolely belong) was married at St. Paul's to Mr. Brownſword, a Stationer in Budge-Row.

Tuesday se'nnight died, at her House in Chesne-Row, at Chelsea in Middlesex, in the 89th Year of her Age, the Lady Berners; she was second Daughter of Sir John Knyvett, of Ashwellthorpe in Norfolk, Knight of the Bath, and Mary his Wife, Daughter of Sir Thomas Bedingfeld, of Darsham in Suffolk, Knt. one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas. This Lady Berners was Coheir to her Brother Thomas Knyvett, Esq; and by the Death of all her Sisters became his sole Heir: She married first, John Harris, of London, Gent. and secondly, Richard Bokenham, of Weston-Mercate in Suffolk, Esq; but died without any Issue by either of them. This Barony of Berners was adjudg'd to her by the House of Lords in 1720, as being the lineal Descendant and Heir of Sir John Bourchier, Knight of the Garter, summon'd to Parliament 33 Hen. 6. as Lord Berners. The whole Proceedings upon this Claim may be seen at large in *The Baronies by Writ*, p. 331. She is succeeded in Honour and Estate by Mrs. Wilson, Widow, the only Remains of that ancient and worthy Family the Knyvett's.

Letters from Ghent advise, that a few Days ago died there, of a Mortification in his Bowels, the Rev. Mr. Edward Lawson, Chaplain to Legonier's Troop of Horse.

Letters from Cheshire advise, that last Week died, at Alton in that County, the Rev. Mr. James Bull, one of the Preachers of the Cathedral Church of Chester: He was an able Defender of the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England.

Last Week died, at Lewes in Sussex, Mr. Newenden, a Riding Officer in that County, who about six Weeks ago was wounded in a Fray with some Smugglers, which is thought to have been the Occasion of his Death.

Last Saturday died, at the House of his Father, (the Right Hon. the Lord Gower), in Upper Brooks-Street, Grosvenor-Square, the Hon. Thomas Levuson Gower, Esq; his Lordship's youngest Son.

On Saturday last died Mr. Michael Merttins, Common-Council-Man of the Ward of Bridge, Son of Sir George Merttins, late Alderman of the said Ward, and Lord Mayor of this City in the Year 1725. He long labour'd under a Complication of Distempers, which he bore with that Chearfulness and Serenity of Mind he was so peculiarly distinguish'd for.

Last Saturday died, at his House in Old Bond-Street, Mr. Hyde, esteem'd one of the most considerable Men in England for furnishing the Nobility and Gentry with Travelling Coaches. He died in the 80th Year of his Age, and left a very considerable Fortune behind him.

On Sunday last died at Isleworth in Middlesex, of a Cancer in his Tongue, after a long and melancholy Illness, Christian Rosenham, Esq; who was for many Years Steward to the late Dutchess of Kendall; he is reckoned to have died rich.

Monday Morning died, at his House in Stretton-Ground, Westminster, William Wright, Esq; Chief Clerk in his Majesty's Annuity-Office in the Exchequer, in which Office he has been a Clerk forty Years.

They write from Cambridge, that last Week the Rev. Mr. Nailor was chosen Vice-Provost of King's-College, and the Rev. Mr. Shovel and Mr. Bland, Bursers.

We hear from Totness in Devonshire, that Mr. George Baker, one of the Fellows of King's College in Cambridge, is appointed Registrer there, in the room of —— Kendal, Esq; deceas'd; a Place of 300 l. per Annum, in the Gift of the Archdeacon.

Last Week a Dispensation pass'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. George Holcombe, A. M. and Chaplain to the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Torrington, to hold the Rectory of Nash and Upton, in the County of Pembroke and Diocese of St. David's, together with the Rectory of Pulchrohan, in the County and Diocese aforesaid.

On Monday last the Rev. Mr. Panton, and the Rev. Mr. Brian, were chosen Morning Lecturers of St. Antholin's in Watling-Street, in the room of the Rev. Mr. Berriman, and the Rev. Mr. Duberdieu, who have resign'd.

Thursday se'nnight the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 19,565, 2000 l. 7082, 1000 l. 15,125, 500 l. 50,798, 65,796, 28,717, 49,607, 30,837, 65,909, 77,429, 73,211, 71,545, and 33,096, 100 l. each.

Yesterday se'nnight the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 58,456, 34,149, 500 l. each; 6528, 78,730, 5702, 54,966, 4769, 11,945, and 1215, 100 l. each.

Last Saturday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 57,324, 500 l. 43,409, 35,606, 19,186, 77,034, 19,236, 1979, 8860, 16,537, and 15,513, 100 l. each.

Monday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 5004, 1000 l. 11,859, 500 l. 14,347, 78,493, 13,775, 15,656, 54,010, 35,835, and 59,590, 100 l. each.

Tuesday last the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 16,558, 5000 l. 51,421, 20,115, 65,514, 15,534, 29,937, 28,200, and 17,821, 1001. each.

The 5000 l. Prize fell to Mess. Julian and Le Blon, Italian Merchants, in Copthall-Court in Throgmorton-Street.

Tuesday came on before the Commissioners of the Excise a very extraordinary Trial, wherein his Majesty was Plaintiff, and an eminent Brewer in Southwark, Defendant, on four several Informations, viz. three for Increases in his Strong Beer Guiles after Length declar'd, and one for making use of two private Storehouses without entring them at the Excise-Office; and after hearing Counsel, and examining Witnesses on both Sides, he was convicted of all the Informations; the Penalty of which is 5 l. for every Barrel Increase, and 50 l. for every private Storehouse made use of. There were two other Informations exhibited against him, one for using of Molasses, the other for cleansing of Drink without Length declar'd; but as the Board had spent a considerable Time in trying the first four Informations, the other two were put off till another Opportunity.

Letters from Plymouth bring Word, that the Officers of the Customs had seiz'd a Vessel laden with upwards of 3000 Weight of Tea, besides Brandy, &c. and brought her into that Place.

Last Week Mr. Marsh, a Farmer at Hendon, had fourteen Ewes with Lamb kill'd by four Villains, only for the sake of their Fat, which they carried off, leaving the Carcasses behind, each being valued at Twenty Shillings.

Last Week his Majesty was graciously pleas'd to order a Pardon to be made out for Master William Chetwynd, against whom a Special Verdict was found last Sessions at the Old Baily, for unfortunately killing his School-Fellow, in a Dispute about a Piece of Cake.

Monday came an Account from Scotland, that two Highlanders went to the Gaoler of Kilvan's, under Pretence of drinking a Bottle, and there took an Opportunity to seize the Gaoler, and get the Keys of the Prison, open'd the Gates thereof, and let loose five or six Highlanders, and Look, who had been committed for stealing Cattle, and then made off. They were soon join'd by several more Highlanders; and notwithstanding a great Party pursued them, they got clear.

Last Wednesday se'nnight Mr. Lewis, an Factor at Coventry, was attack'd by two Highwaymen on Meridian-Heath, who robb'd him of 19 l. in Money, his Watch and a Ring, then cut the Girths of his Saddle, took away the Bridle and rode off.

Last Thursday se'nnight Thomas Hicks, Esq; and Mr. Stevens, of Deptford, returning home from London, with two other Gentlemen in a Coach, were attack'd near the Halfway-House by five Foot-pads; who, with the greatest Imprecations, threaten'd, if they did not immediately get out of the Coach, they would shoot them through their Heads; whereupon a desperate Skirmish ensu'd; but the Villains having Fire-Arms oblig'd the Gentlemen to desist, and robb'd them of their Gold Watches, and about 30 Guineas in Money.

Yesterday se'nnight, between Eleven and Twelve at Night, Mr. Perkins, an Attorney, Son of Mr. Perkins of Cow-Lane, crossing Smithfield, in his Return from his Father's House, was knock'd down by three Street-Robbers, who took from him his Gold Watch, about 16 s. in Silver, and his Hat. Before they had search'd all his Pockets, he recover'd himself, and ran into the Smithfield Punch-House to alarm the People; but in the mean Time the Rogues got clear off with their Booty. They are suppos'd (by the Description given of them) to be the same Villains who robb'd Mr. Toothacre, and almost cut off his Finger, because they could not easily get off his Ring, a few Nights ago at the Corner of Field-Lane.

Last Saturday Night Mr. Norris, a Clerk in the Customs, and Mr. Hart, a Barber at Deptford, were attack'd at Peckham-Rye by six Fellows, arm'd with Blunderbusses, Cutlasses, &c. who demanded their Money, threatning to hack them to Pieces if they did not deliver without Resistance: They robb'd them of 25 s. and their Coats and Waistcoats, and after tying their Hands behind them made off.

Tuesday in the Afternoon Mr. Cond, a Lawyer in Holbourn, was attack'd by a single Foot-pad in the Wash-Way leading to Stretham in Surrey; who presented a Pistol to his Breast, telling him his Circumstances were desperate, and that he was oblig'd to follow that Trade contrary to his Inclination, but if he would deliver without any farther Trouble, he would do him no harm; on which Mr. Cond gave him Half a Guinea, and the Fellow thank'd him, said he was formerly a Person in very good Circumstances in the City of London, and then made off.

Thursday se'nnight Susannah Lewin was committed to the New Gaol, Southwark, by Justice Atkinson, for wilfully and maliciously setting Fire to the House of Mr. Comer, a Carpenter at Croydon, in three different Places at one Time, by which Means the House and Furniture must have been destroy'd had not proper Assistance been at Hand.

Some private Letters from the Hague pretend, that the King of Prussia has actually order'd his Minister at the Court of Vienna to declare to her Hungarian Majesty, 'that he cannot possibly see the Head of the Empire reduced to live on a Subsidy from a Foreign Court, and depriv'd of his Hereditary Dominions; 'and therefore he hop'd her Majesty would resolve to restore them upon moderate Conditions.

They write from New-York, of the 24th of October, that a contagious Distemper has for some Time raged there to such a violent Degree that several Hundreds in a Day have died, many of them Persons of Distinction.

By Letters from Port-Mahon, dated October 28, there is Advice that one of his Majesty's Ships of War, belonging to Admiral Matthews's Fleet, had taken and carry'd into that Place the St. Anthony, a Spanish Privateer of twenty Carriage Guns; she had been very successful, and had done great Mischief to the English Trade.

Tuesday came Advice, that the Friendship, Redmond, bound from Cork to Madeira, and the Leeward Islands, was taken about 40 Leagues S. W. from Cape Finisterre; and that the Master and Mate arriv'd at Falmouth the 1st Instant, in the John and Elizabeth of Dartmouth, from Viana in Portugal.

Extract of a Letter from Jamaica, dated Oct. 10.

'All the Ships we have sent out from this Place for six Months past have receiv'd Damage; we continually hear of Losses, and our Trade has suffer'd greatly; some have put back with the Loss of their Masts, Rigging, &c. and others have had Part of their Cargoes destroy'd; we were in hopes of sending the greatest Fleet of Ships to England that has been sent these three Years, but have been prevented by Hurricanes, Storms, &c. A Privateer belonging to Porto Rico has taken a Ship laden with Wheat for this Place, and carry'd her into the Havanna. The Oxford and Kent Men of War have brought two Spanish Privateers into Port-Royal Harbour, one of whom is call'd the St. Michael, of 16 Carriage and ten Swivel Guns; and the other the Beate Virginis, of 10 Carriage and 10 Swivels; They had been out four Weeks from Carthagena, but had not taken a Prize, were in want of Provisions, had neither Money or Bedding, and but few Cloaths.

Extract of a Letter from on board the Rochester *Merchantman, dated Nov. 22, off the Bayonne Islands.*

'I have this Opportunity by the Saphire Man of War, Capt. Holmes, of advising you, that the Day before yesterday we met with a Spanish Privateer, a large Schooner, who I judg'd to have had at least 80 Men aboard, with eight Carriage and sixteen Swivel Guns, who boarded me immediately; but by the Help of my little Ship's Company, who behav'd like Englishmen, after having fought him an Hour and half, Board and Board, he thought proper to retire, and leave me at Liberty to pursue my Voyage: We have two Cross-Bar

Shot through our Main-Mast, and several in our Hull; but the principal Damage is poor Ogilvie, (my Mate) who in throwing a Shell into the Enemy, shatter'd his Hand so much that the Surgeon of the Saphire was oblig'd to cut it off; and the Misfortune was still greater, that this Accident happen'd before we were quite grappled with the Vessel, so that I was destitute of his Assistance all the Height of the Engagement. I have two more much wounded. Had I not fortunately met with the Saphire, I must have lost my Main-Mast, and Ogilvie his Life. Capt. Holmes has been very obliging in sparing me his Carpenters to secure my Masts, and repair my other Damages; as likewise some Materials; I can't prevail upon him to go off the Ear with me, he being bound home. The Wind is now contrary, and in all Probability it will be a long Time before we beat up to Port; he has laid by me all Day to assist me, and is just now going to leave me. I have the Mortification to add after this good News, that four of my People being wounded, and there being only six seen left, four of which are not able to use a Musquet, that my Men are much disheartened, especially as the Privateer is gone into his own Port again, and will probably pay us another Visit, perhaps attended with a Companion. We must have kill'd him a great many Men, his Deck being full of Blood. I could have wish'd to have wrote this News from Port; but let what will happen, you may assure yourself that I will never give up the Ship tamely.

I am, &c.

Extract of a Letter from Dublin, dated Nov. 26, 1743.

'The great Cause wherein the Hon. James Annesley, Esq; was Plaintiff, ended Yesterday, when the Jury, after a few Minutes Consultation, brought in a Verdict for Mr. Annesley.

'Never was a Cause of greater Consequence brought to Trial; never any took up so much Time in hearing; nor ever was there a Jury compos'd of Gentlemen of such Property, Dignity and Character.

'Eleven of the Jury are Members of Parliament, several of the Council, and the only one who is not in either is a Gentleman of 1500 l. a Year; the whole twelve being worth a whole Million. Two of them lose near 400 l. a Year by their own Verdict, and three others are nearly related to Persons confidentially interested in the Event of this great Cause; yet such was their Regard to Truth and Justice, that nothing could bias them against Conviction.

'No sooner had the Foreman pronounced the Words, *We find for the Plaintiff*, but the Hall rung with joyful Acclamations, which in a few Minutes were communicated to the whole City, and in less than a Quarter of an Hour all the Streets seem'd to be in a Blaze, and People of all Conditions and Degrees ran up and down congratulating each other as upon a publick Victory.

'In short, never was there so universal a Joy; the Musick that play'd in the Streets, and even the Bells themselves, being scarce heard, amidst the repeated Huzzas of the Multitude."

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, Dec. 3. The King has been pleas'd to grant unto the Rev. Thomas Wilson, D.D. in Divinity, and one of his Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary, the Place and Dignity of a Prebendary of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster, void by the Promotion of the Right Reverend Father in God Matthew Hutton, late Prebendary thereof, to the Bishoprick of Bangor.

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